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THREATENING CLOUDS.

The end of the nineteenth century is approaching and the indications are that history will repeat itself, and that the world will experience a political upheaval which will shake the very foundation of existing conditions.

Ambitious man and the "higher" civilization of the century will bring us to the point where Rome was in her highest day of power and glory, and where the Empire erected by her honorable and honest citizens, fell into dust through corruption, depravity and crime.

While the Emperor of Russia is talking peace and inviting the powers of the world to disband their armies and meet him at a peace congress, the Anarchists "remove" the Empress of Austria, an inoffensive woman afflicted with many sorrows of her own; and occasions arise all over the world, which virtually make it necessary for the powers to stand together as an armed solid body in defeating and crushing lawlessness at home, and the last struggles of the uncivilized nations and races against civilization and conquest.

The great international war, the advent of which has been prophesied for years by the men who understand the working of the diplomatic machinery of the world, is approaching with rapid strides. The clash cannot be avoided, and while Russia is preaching a general peace, she and the other great powers are massing troops and ships in the Orient to meet "emergencies." China is doomed, and the Christian world will not regret the division of that great Empire of Asia. It will not be as easy a task as was the division of Poland. There is a vast difference between shooting, hanging or starving to death a few millions of brave, patriotic and daring Poles, to exterminating or bringing into submission a nation which comprises one-fourth of the human race.

The new policy of expansion of the United States will give the great republic of the Western Hemisphere all she can do, besides attending to internal troubles caused by fighting Indians, corrupt senators, boss politicians, and Mark Hanna. The future of the Philippines and Cuba will cause the United States all kinds of troubles, and the Russian bear which is forcing the Republic to take a hand in the Chinese trouble, is simply hiding a grin with his gentle paw, while watching his "friends" the Americans pulling out the chessnuts of the fire, built by Russian diplomats at Peking.

In France the situation is even more acute than in other parts of the world. The Dreyfus affair has assumed such magnitude that a coup d'etat can be expected at any moment, which will result in anarchy or monarchy. The combined powers of Europe cannot, and will not, tolerate anarchy, and in the interest of France the world hopes to see a well established and stable constitutional monarchy before the end of this century. The transformation will mean bloodshed and probably a European war, because the step from the present disgraceful republic to the monarchy must naturally pass through a provisional dictator-

ship, which can only find sufficient support through a war with Germany.

The death of the Queen of Denmark was a most unfortunate occurrence at this point of the international chess play. The late Queen was a wonderful woman who, during the past thirty years, pulled the big wires of Europe's international politics. When she, through her relations to the Danish Royal family, placed her husband, now King Christian IX., on the Danish throne, she had learned by experience what poverty means, when rank and appearance must be kept up. She married her sons to the richest princesses of the Old World, and she secured for her daughters imperial crowns. But it was at her court in Copenhagen, where the webs were woven which made history for the world. Her influence among the ruling royal families was far superior even to that enjoyed by Queen Victoria. Queen Louisa was the paramount adviser of Alexander of Russia, and through her was the *cordiale* preserved between England, Russia, France and Germany.

The clouds of war are gathering, and when the general "smash" comes we, who live in Hawaii, will realize what an Eden we have found, while we read about the world's troubles in the yellow papers of our boss, Uncle Sam.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Now that the coins of the United States have free circulation in these islands we hope to see the one cent pieces in circulation, for they will be a boon to the toilers in our sugar cane, coffee and rice fields. A small wage demands the smallest coins that pass current to eke out a living to wage earner. Until recently we have been at a loss for an explanation for the opposition shown the one cent coins by the "family compact." All legislation for a smaller coin than the nickel has met with their most determined opposition. The reason for this, as given to us, has been the fear that contributions for church purposes would be in the smallest coin current. Our devil suggests that the one cent coins are better than suspender buttons, and often a *quid pro quo* for services rendered.

A subscriber to THE INDEPENDENT permits the publication of extracts from a letter received from a friend on the "Mainland," as follows: "I hope the natives have made a good impression upon the commission sent down there (Hawaii), because I wish to see them have full suffrage. Of course you will find that the policy of the United States with regard to its government of any outlying territory is one of complete and absolute neglect. You will get no appropriations for improvements after the first spurt in that direction is over. I lived in a territory for years and know how these matters go. The United States cares nothing for its territories. This is supposed to be a government of the people, and you will find that you will have a chance to run it as best you can, with little encouragement or assistance from the government at Washington, and it will be the meanest government the islands have ever had, in my opinion."

A Daring Burglary.

The residence of Mrs. Monsarrat was entered this morning and a quantity of valuable jewelry was secured by the bold burglar.

Mrs. Monsarrat was in her kitchen early this morning. She heard a noise in the house, and on entering her bedroom found a stranger, who inquired for "Mr. Jackson." Being told that no Mr. Jackson lived there the stranger bowed himself out, and a few moments after Mrs. Monsarrat found that her bureau had been opened and that her jewelry was gone.

The police were notified at once and Mrs. Monsarrat feels confident that she can identify the man if she ever sees him again.

THE EMPEROR STILL ALIVE.

Six of the Reformers to be Put to Death by the Dowager Empress.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

PARIS, Oct. 5.—The Chinese Legation here publishes an official communication formally denying all reports of the death of the Emperor of China.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—The Chinese Embassy here is in receipt of advises from Peking, dated to-day, saying that great harmony prevails between the Emperor and Dowager Empress. The dispatch adds that the latter seeing the danger of rushing sweeping reforms consented to advise the Emperor in the general management of affairs and as to the best method of introducing reforms.

Continuing, the dispatch says circumstances have shown it to be necessary that six councillors who were urging the Emperor to undertake inopportune reforms be put to death.

After referring to the punishment of the others the dispatch says that since his dismissal from the Tsung Li Yamen, Li Hung Chang has abstained from participating in public affairs.

BERLIN, Oct. 5.—The German warship Kaiserin Augusta Pas left Kiochau for Taku, at the entrance of the Peiho River, with thirty marines, who will be sent to Peking to act as a guard for the German Legation there.

Prince Henry of Prussia will probably be appointed to command the squadron intended for the protection of German interests in China.

Spaniards Defeat Insurgents.

MADRID, Oct. 5.—An official dispatch from Iloilo reports that the landing of Spanish troops caused a panic among the insurgents and that 300 muskets, four cannons, a quantity of ammunition and a flag were captured and eighteen Spaniards, who had been held as prisoners, were released.

Death of Judge Hitchcock.

The news of the death of Judge E. G. Hitchcock received yesterday was not unexpected. The deceased has been a very sick man during the past year and it was the untiring care of his family which carried him through an illness which at one time was considered fatal.

Great improvements in health were gradually noted, and the wife of the late judge came to Honolulu for a rest while the indefatigable official left for Kohala to preside at the term of the Circuit Court. There he was stricken down and the 9th inst. Edward Griffin Hitchcock passed away harness.

The late judge was born in Lechais in January, 1837. His parents were among the noble, honest, unselfish missionaries from New England who arrived here in the early "thirties" of this century. The deceased received his education here and during his career was prominent as a plantation manager, a lawyer and a Government official holding prominent positions.

The widow, who is a daughter of the late S. N. Castle, hurried to the side of her husband when the news of his serious illness reached Honolulu. She and her oldest son, the Deputy Marshal reached Hawaii too late to receive the last farewell of a loving husband and a kind father.

The funeral took place at Hilo on the 10th inst. and was largely attended.

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